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Honorable Dave Camp Member, House of Representatives 135 Ashman Midland, Michigan 48640

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Dear Congressman Camp:

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

This is in reply to your letter of February 19, 1993, in which you inquired on behalf of your constituent, Brent Coyne, regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235, 57 FR 54034 (1992). This Notice proposes comprehensive changes to the Commission's Rules governing the private land mobile radio services operating in the frequency bands below 512 MHz.

Your constituent is specifically concerned about the impact of these changes on radio control (R/C) hobby users. Enclosed is a discussion paper concerning our proposals for the 72-76 MHz band. In short, we expect there would be no adverse impact on R/C operations because of any proposal contained in the Notice.

We are, of course, sensitive to the concerns of both users of private land mobile radio spectrum and R/C hobbyists. We will, therefore, take your constituent's concerns into account when we develop final rules in this proceeding. As indicated in the Notice, we remain convinced that without significant regulatory change in radio operations in the bands below 512 MHz, the quality of communications in the private land mobile radio services will continue to deteriorate to the point of endangering public safety and the national economy.

We want to thank you for your interest in this proceeding. Your constituent's letter will be included in the record of the proceeding. We expect final rules to be issued in 1994.

Sincerely.

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The Honorable Dave Camp 135 Ashman Street Midland, MI 48640 08-Feb-1993

Dear Honorable Dave Camp:

I am a life member in the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) and have been active in the hobby sense 1967. I have held office in our local club and instrumental in obtaining the present flying site used to fly radio controlled aircraft (R/C).

I am concerned about a proposal from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to rearrange the 72 - 76 Mhz band. The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. The proposal is to add frequencies for private land mobile dispatch close to frequencies used for fly of radio controlled aircraft. The new frequencies would bracket the R/C frequencies only 0.0025 MHz away. This will cause interference and cause the frequencies used for flying R/C aircraft to be useless.

In the mid 80's the misuse of CB radios made it dangerous to fly using the frequencies granted us by the FCC in the 27 Mhz band. We basically abandoned these frequencies and moved to 72 - 76 Mhz band. Radio replacement was necessary. A few years ago a rearrangement of the 72 - 76 Mhz band used by R/C again made my radio gear not useable. I owned five radios at that time. Average cost was \$300.00 each.

I am told that of the 50 frequencies that are presently available for R/C, only 19 frequencies will be left if these new rules are adopted. It will be

